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Resistance to azoles in *Candida albicans* caused by mutations in the  
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azole-resistant isolate; *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Ascomycetes  
BIOSYSTEMATIC CLASSIFICATION (SUPER TAXA): Fungi; Microorganisms;  
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CHEMICALS & BIOCHEMICALS: fluconazole--antifungal-drug; ketoconazole--  
antifungal-drug; lanosterol 14a-demethylase gene--mutation;  
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Title: CHARACTERIZATION OF AN AZOLE-RESISTANT *CANDIDA GLABRATA* ISOLATE  
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Abstract: A *Candida* (Torulopsis) glabrata strain (B57149) became resistant to fluconazole after a patient carrying the organism was treated with the drug at 400 mg once daily for 9 days. Growth of the pretreatment isolate (B57148) was inhibited by 50% with 0.67  $\mu$ M ketoconazole, 1.0  $\mu$ M itraconazole, and 43  $\mu$ M fluconazole, whereas growth of B57149 was inhibited slightly by 10  $\mu$ M ketoconazole but was unaffected by 10  $\mu$ M itraconazole or 100  $\mu$ M fluconazole. This indicates cross-resistance to all three azole antifungal agents. The cellular fluconazole content of B57149 was from 1.5- to 3-fold lower than that of B57148, suggesting a difference in drug uptake between the strains. However, this difference was smaller than the measured difference in susceptibility and, therefore, cannot fully explain the fluconazole resistance of B57149. Moreover, the intracellular contents of ketoconazole and itraconazole differed by less than twofold between the strains, so that uptake differences did not account for the azole cross-resistance of B57149. The microsomal cytochrome P-450 content of B57149 was about twice that of B57148, a difference quantitatively similar to the increased subcellular ergosterol synthesis from mevalonate or lanosterol. These results indicate that the level of P-450-dependent 14 $\alpha$ -demethylation of lanosterol is higher in B57149. Increased ergosterol synthesis was also seen in intact B57149 cells, and this coincided with a decreased susceptibility of B57149 toward all three azoles and amphotericin B. B57149 also had higher squalene epoxidase activity, and thus, more terbinafine was needed to inhibit the synthesis of 2,3-oxidosqualene from squalene. P-450 content and ergosterol synthesis both decreased when isolate B57149 was subcultured repeatedly on drug-free medium. This repeated subculture also fully restored the strain's itraconazole susceptibility, but only partly increased its susceptibility to fluconazole. The results suggest that both lower fluconazole uptake and increased P-450-dependent ergosterol synthesis are involved in the mechanism of fluconazole resistance but that only the increased ergosterol synthesis contributes to itraconazole cross-resistance.

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The presence of an R467K amino acid substitution and loss of allelic variation correlate with an %azole%-resistant% %lanosterol% 14alpha demethylase in %Candida% %albicans%.

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Azole resistance in the pathogenic yeast %Candida% %albicans% is an emerging problem in the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-infected population. The target enzyme of the azole drugs is %lanosterol% 14alpha demethylase (Erg16p), a cytochrome P-450 enzyme in the biosynthetic pathway of ergosterol. Biochemical analysis demonstrates that Erg16p became less susceptible to fluconazole in isolate 13 in a series of isolates from an HIV-infected patient. PCR-single-strand conformation polymorphism (PCR-SSCP) analysis was used to scan for genomic alterations of ERG16 in the isolates that would cause this change in the enzyme in isolate 13. Alterations near the 3' end of the gene that were identified by PCR-SSCP were confirmed by DNA sequencing. A single amino acid substitution (R467K) that occurred in isolate 13 was identified in both alleles of ERG16. Allelic differences within the ERG16 gene, in the ERG16 promoter, and in the downstream THR1 gene were eliminated in isolate 13. The loss of allelic variation in this region of the genome is most likely the result of mitotic recombination or gene conversion. The R467K mutation and loss of allelic variation that occur in isolate 13 are likely responsible for the %azole%-resistant% enzyme activity seen in this and subsequent isolates. The description of R467K represents the first point mutation to be identified within ERG16 of a clinical isolate of C. %albicans% that alters the fluconazole sensitivity of the enzyme.

Tags: Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

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 --Drug Effects--DE; \*Cytochrome P-450--Drug Effects--DE; \*Fluconazole  
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 Cloning, Molecular; Drug Resistance, Microbial; Molecular Sequence Data;

Regions (Genetics); Sequence Analysis  
Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/U67192; GI BANK/U67193  
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Enzyme No.: EC 1. (Oxidoreductases); EC 1.- (lanosterol 14  
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The lipid composition and permeability to azole of an %azole%- and  
polyene-%resistant% mutant of *Candida %albicans%*.

Hitchcock CA; Barrett-Bee KJ; Russell NJ

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%*Candida %albicans%* 6.4, which is resistant to both polyene and azole  
groups of antifungal antibiotics, has a larger lipid content and lower  
polar lipid to neutral lipid ratio compared with other strains that are  
sensitive or resistant only to azoles. *C. %albicans%* 6.4 contains a  
relatively greater proportion of triacylglycerol in its neutral lipid in  
the exponential phase of batch culture compared with other strains, but,  
unlike them, does not accumulate triacylglycerols or any other stored lipid  
in the stationary phase. Like other strains, in *C. %albicans%* 6.4 the major  
phospholipids are phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine and  
phosphatidylinositol, but sphingomyelin is absent; the major fatty acids  
are palmitic, palmitoleic, oleic and linoleic acids. In common with other  
*C. %albicans%* strains, strain 6.4 contains non-specific (lyso)phospholipase  
activity. The main distinctive feature of the lipid composition of *C.*  
*%albicans%* 6.4 is the absence of ergosterol, which is replaced by  
methylated sterol; mainly %lanosterol%, 24-methylene-24,25-dihydrolanostero  
l and 4-methylergostadiene-3-ol. It is suggested that the altered membrane  
sterol pattern provides a common basis for the double resistance by  
preventing polyene binding and reducing azole permeability.

Descriptors: Antibiotics, Antifungal--Pharmacology--PD; \*Antifungal  
Agents--Pharmacology--PD; \**Candida %albicans%*--Drug Effects--DE; \*Lipids  
--Analysis--AN; \*Triazoles--Pharmacology--PD; Antifungal Agents--Metabolism  
--ME; Azoles--Pharmacology--PD; *Candida %albicans%*--Analysis--AN; *Candida*  
*%albicans%*--Genetics--GE; *Candida %albicans%*--Metabolism--ME; Drug  
Resistance, Microbial; Mutation; Permeability; Polyenes--Pharmacology--PD;  
Triazoles--Metabolism--ME

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antibiotics, Antifungal); 0 (Antifungal Agents);  
0 (Azoles); 0 (Polyenes); 0 (Triazoles); 76674-22-1 (ICI 153066)

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**Amino acid substitutions in the cytochrome P-450 lanosterol 14alpha-demethylase (CYP51A1) from azole-resistant Candida albicans clinical isolates contribute to resistance to azole antifungal agents.**

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The cytochrome P-450 **lanosterol 14alpha-demethylase (CYP51A1)** of yeasts is involved in an important step in the biosynthesis of ergosterol. Since CYP51A1 is the target of azole antifungal agents, this enzyme is potentially prone to alterations leading to resistance to these agents. Among them, a decrease in the affinity of CYP51A1 for these agents is possible. We showed in a group of *Candida albicans* isolates from AIDS patients that multidrug efflux transporters were playing an important role in the **resistance** of *C. albicans* to **azole** antifungal agents, but without excluding the involvement of other factors (D. Sanglard, K. Kuchler, F. Ischer, J.-L. Pagani, M. Monod, and J. Bille, Antimicrob. Agents Chemother. 39:2378-2386, 1995). We therefore analyzed in closer detail changes in the affinity of CYP51A1 for azole antifungal agents. A strategy consisting of functional expression in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* of the *C. albicans* CYP51A1 genes of sequential clinical isolates from patients was designed. This selection, which was coupled with a test of susceptibility to the azole derivatives fluconazole, ketoconazole, and itraconazole, enabled the **detection** of mutations in different cloned CYP51A1 genes, whose products are potentially affected in their affinity for azole derivatives. This selection enabled the **detection** of five different mutations in the cloned CYP51A1 genes which correlated with the occurrence of **azole resistance** in clinical *C. albicans* isolates. These mutations were as follows: replacement of the glycine at position 129 with alanine (G129A), Y132H, S405F, G464S, and R467K. While the S405F mutation was found as a single amino acid substitution in a CYP51A1 gene from an **azole-resistant** yeast, other mutations were found simultaneously in individual CYP51A1 genes, i.e., R467K with G464S, S405F with Y132H, G129A with G464S, and R467K with G464S and Y132H. Site-directed mutagenesis of a wild-type CYP51A1 gene was performed to estimate the effect of each of these mutations on **resistance** to **azole** derivatives. Each single mutation, with the exception of G129A, had a measurable effect on the affinity of the target enzyme for specific azole derivatives. We speculate that these specific mutations could combine with the effect of multidrug efflux transporters in the clinical isolates and contribute to different patterns and stepwise increases in **resistance** to **azole** derivatives.

Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: \*Antifungal Agents--Pharmacology--PD; \**Candida albicans* --Drug Effects--DE; \**Candida albicans*--Enzymology--EN; \*Cytochrome P-450 --Genetics--GE; \*Fluconazole--Pharmacology--PD; \*Fungal Proteins--Genetics --GE; \*Oxidoreductases--Genetics--GE; Amino Acid Sequence; Azoles --Pharmacology--PD; Cytochrome P-450--Chemistry--CH; Drug Resistance, Microbial--Genetics--GE; Fungal Proteins--Chemistry--CH; Microbial Sensitivity Tests; Molecular Sequence Data; Mutagenesis, Site-Directed; Oxidoreductases--Chemistry--CH; Protein Structure, Secondary

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antifungal Agents); 0 (Azoles); 0 (Fungal Proteins); 86386-73-4 (Fluconazole); 9035-51-2 (Cytochrome P-450)  
Enzyme No.: EC 1. (Oxidoreductases); EC 1.- (lanosterol 14.alpha-demethylase )

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**Molecular biological characterization of an azole-resistant *Candida glabrata* isolate.**

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Two isolates of *Candida glabrata*, one susceptible and one **resistant** to **azole** antifungals, were previously shown to differ in quantity and activity of the cytochrome P-450 14.alpha-lanosterol demethylase which is the target for **azole** antifungals. The **resistant** isolate also had a lower intracellular level of fluconazole, but not of ketoconazole or itraconazole, than the susceptible isolate. In the present study a 3.7-fold increase in the copy number of the CYP51 gene, encoding the 14.alpha-lanosterol demethylase, was found. The amount of CYP51 mRNA transcript in the resistant isolate was eight times greater than it was in the susceptible isolate. **Hybridization** experiments on chromosomal blots indicated that this increase in copy number was due to duplication of the entire chromosome containing the CYP51 gene. The phenotypic instability of the resistant isolate was demonstrated genotypically: a gradual loss of the duplicated chromosome was seen in successive subcultures of the isolate in fluconazole-free medium and correlated with reversion to susceptibility. The greater abundance of the amplified chromosome induced pronounced differences in the protein patterns of the susceptible and revertant isolates versus that of the resistant isolate, as demonstrated by two-dimensional gel electrophoresis (2D-GE). Densitometry of the 2D-GE product indicated upregulation of at least 25 proteins and downregulation of at least 76 proteins in the resistant isolate.

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Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/AF006033

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antifungal Agents); 0 (Azoles); 0 (Culture Media); 0 (DNA Probes); 0 (DNA, Fungal); 0 (Fungal Proteins); 0 (RNA, Fungal)

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**Deletion of the *Candida glabrata* ERG3 and ERG11 genes: effect on cell**



viability, cell growth, sterol composition, and antifungal susceptibility.

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We have cloned and sequenced the structural genes encoding the delta 5,6 sterol desaturase (ERG3 gene) and the 14 alpha-methyl sterol demethylase (ERG11 gene) from *Candida glabrata* L5 (leu2). Single and double mutants of these genes were created by gene deletion. The phenotypes of these mutants, including sterol profiles, aerobic viabilities, antifungal susceptibilities, and generation times, were studied. Strain L5D (erg3 delta::LEU2) accumulated mainly ergosta-7,22-dien-3 beta-ol, was aerobically viable, and remained susceptible to antifungal agents but had a slower generation time than its parent strain. L5LUD (LEU2 erg11 delta::URA3) strains required medium supplemented with ergosterol and an anaerobic environment for growth. A spontaneous aerobically viable mutant, L5LUD40R (LEU2 erg11 delta::URA3), obtained from L5LUD (LEU2 erg11 delta::URA3), was found to accumulate lanosterol and obtusifoliol, was resistant to azole antifungal agents, demonstrated some increase in resistance to amphotericin B, and exhibited a 1.86-fold increase in generation time in comparison with L5 (leu2). The double-deletion mutant L5DUD61 (erg3 delta::LEU2 erg11 delta::URA3) was aerobically viable, produced mainly 14 alpha-methyl fecosterol, and had the same antifungal susceptibility pattern as L5LUD40R (LEU2 erg11 delta::URA3), and its generation time was threefold greater than that of L5 (leu2). Northern (RNA) analysis revealed that the single-deletion mutants had a marked increase in message for the undeleted ERG3 and ERG11 genes. These results indicate that differences in antifungal susceptibilities and the restoration of aerobic viability exist between the *C. glabrata* ergosterol mutants created in this study and those sterol mutants with similar genetic lesions previously reported for *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

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Abstract: Aryl/alkyl sulfonylamido-, arylsulfenylamido-, arylcarboxamido- and ureido/thioureido/guanidine derivatives of 2,2'-diamino-4,4'-dithiazole were prepared by reaction of the title compound with sulfonyl/sulfenyl halides, sulfonic acid anhydrides, acyl chlorides, tosyl isocyanate, aryl/allyl isocyanates or isothiocyanates. Mono- as well as bis-derivatized compounds have been obtained. Several of the newly synthesized compounds act as effective antifungal agents against *Aspergillus* and *Candida* spp., some of them showed activities comparable to ketoconazole (with minimum inhibitory concentrations in the range of 0.2-1.8  $\mu$ g/mL) but possessed lower activity as compared to itraconazole. Greatest activity was **detected** against *A. niger*, and least activity against *C. albicans*. The mechanism of action of these compounds probably involves inhibition of ergosterol biosynthesis, and interaction with **lanosterol** -14- $\alpha$ -**demethylase** (CYP51A1), since reduced amounts of ergosterol were found by means of HPLC in cultures of the sensitive strain *A. niger* treated with some of these inhibitors. Thus, the compounds reported here and the azole antifungal derivatives might possess a similar mechanism of action at molecular level.

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